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helping people
help
themselves"*

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor
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To: Consumers, families, caregivers, providers, advocates and all who support individuals with disabilities in Indiana

From: Becky Selig, Director of Bureau of Quality Improvement Services
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Date: November 23, 2009

Re: **New Fact Sheets for *Enteral Feedings***

Outreach Services of Indiana, a program of the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) / Bureau of Quality Improvement Services (BQIS) is committed to working with our partners to provide solutions when programs, systems, processes, or policies are identified as a potential risk to consumer health and safety. Based on a two year analysis of mortality reviews and incident reports, we have identified *Enteral Feeding* as such a risk. As a result, we have developed the following Fact Sheets on the subject:

- *Managing Signs and Symptoms of Feeding Tube Problems*
- *Enteral Feeding: Best Practices*
- *Feeding Tube Protocol*

BQIS/Outreach Fact Sheets are a user-friendly source of general information on a given topic. Because they are intended for use by individuals with disabilities, families, caregivers and providers, Fact Sheets do not include highly technical or person-specific information. *Remember, Fact Sheets do not replace the advice of a medical, health care, financial advisor or other industry professional.*

Fact Sheets will include:

- Important facts about the topic
- Recommended actions and prevention strategies
- Learning assessment for the reader
- References and additional resources for related information



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As new Fact Sheets are developed we will post them in the resource library at <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/3948.htm>. You can register to receive automatic notifications when new resource materials are posted by simply clicking on the [*Subscribe for e-mail updates*] box and entering your e-mail address.

We urge every service provider to take advantage of these free resources as a part of your agency's formal training processes for new and current employees. Your program participants and their families and other caregivers will also benefit from the information.

Your feedback is very important to helping us develop support materials that best meet your needs. Please send your ideas, concerns, and suggestions for resources you would like to see in our library in the future. You may contact us through the following resources:

- E-mail: Outreach@fssa.IN.gov
- BQIS Website: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2635.htm>
- Outreach Website: <http://DDRSOutreach.IN.gov>
- Phone (Toll Free Indiana): 1-866-429-5290

Thank you.

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